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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on hens and toms with hens in the tightest position. Frozen demand ranged from light to fairly good with best interest noted for deferred arrivals. Trading fairly good for forward sales taking place, from May to July. Bulk meat demand and trading continued to center on white meat items. The bulk parts market continued slow with trading centered on tom drums.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand slow to moderate and centering on drums and thigh meat. Trading was slow to develop, light to Mexico and Asia centering on tom drums.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 06, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	67	67.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
69.27	880	MAY-JUL
-	-	-
-	-	-
66.29	2400	MAY-JUL
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
400	MAY
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 07, 2000

CURRENT
WEEK

LAST
WEEK

SAME WEEK
YEAR AGO

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00	67.57	61.90 **
CENTRAL REGION	65.90**	64.00	61.96
WESTERN REGION	66.50**	66.50**	62.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	64.25	62.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	62.00**	60.80	64.00
WESTERN REGION	62.50**	61.70**	63.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	82-90
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	82-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	72-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-73

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	93-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 10-APR-00

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	71.00	330	67.00	80
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	71.00	330	67.00	80
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	676	-50	21.99	NONE	NONE	676	21.99
S ATL	635	7	29.08	(A)	(A)	636	29.13
N CENT	3,088	69	29.92	(A)	(A)	3,102	29.92
S CENT	657	9	22.04	NONE	NONE	657	22.04
WEST	292	-2	22.26	(A)	(A)	304	21.74
U.S.TOTAL	5,348(B)	11	27.43	10	17	5,375	27.40

TO DATE

2000 54,588(B) 119 416 55,123

TO DATE

1999 50,386(B) 0 360 55,246

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 97,000 for the year 170,000; last year to date 205,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 25-MAR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS
HEAD	5,261	97	17	5,375
AVG WT	26.88	28.44	31.24	27.40
LAST WEEK	4,680	12	44	4,736
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,462	38	33	4,533
AVG WT	26.42	25.79	25.06	26.40
TO-DATE/2000	54,537	170	416	55,123
TO-DATE/1999	54,681	205	360	55,246

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 25-MAR-00

FRYER/ROASTER 10, TO DATE 58; YOUNG 292 HD, 6,501 LBS,
TO DATE 2,869 HD, 69,889 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 46 HD;
TOTAL 304 HD, TO DATE 2,973 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

FEBRUARY	409,047 *
MARCH 1-25, 2000	365,008 *

To date 2000 1,172,769 *

To date 1999 1,142,446 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 APRIL 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to sometimes fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and scapula, fresh destrapped tenderloins and breast trim fully steady to firm, wing meat with skin at least steady. White meat demand light to fair, best on fresh destrapped tenderloins. Domestic trading light on all items. Offerings of fresh destrapped tenderloins and breast trim short to light, fresh tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate mostly light to adequate, scapula light and wing meat with skin light to adequate. Export demand slow to moderate. Trading light to fair for mostly Asia and Mexico shipments centering on tom drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.75		102.75	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00		149.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	26.50	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	38.00		38.00	20
NECKS, TOM	13.00-17.00		13.91	149
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00		182.00	190
THIGH MEAT	64.00-65.00		64.13	23
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00		67.00	79
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	117.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT	81.00		81.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	140.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.50	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	171.00-172.00		171.13	138
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00-45.00		44.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50		14.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-27.00		26.12	448
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-65.00		64.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 07 APRIL, 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on 4-8 lb. and 10-14 lb. rib breasts, 12-16 lb. sized rib breasts at least steady. Some buyers, however, don't see the strength that others see in the 4-8 lb. rib breasts. Rib breast demand light to fair for the light offerings. Demand light to instances good mostly fair on fresh tom breast meat, light to fair on the balance with white meat items the most active. Some sellers are anticipating continued increased activity in tom breast meat due in part to the tightness of quality breast trim and fresh destrapped tenderloins. The continued tightness of poulters are also giving some long term optimism in the breast meat market. Export trading centered on tom 2-joint wings and frozen thigh meat at barely steady at best price levels. Discounting was noted on mixed hen and tom thigh meat.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	102.75	40	105.19	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	149.00	80	149.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	97.00		97.00	40	97.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40	23.00	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	22.00	6	22.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.50	80		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	23.00	6	21.26	46
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	38.00	20	38.00	20
NECKS, TOM		R	13.91	149	13.91	149
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	170.00	40		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00-182.00		181.25	480	180.57	1,004
THIGH MEAT	63.00		63.00	40	63.41	63
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	66.00-67.00		66.60	100	66.78	179
BREAST TRIM MEAT	117.00-118.00		117.80	200	117.80	200
SCAPULA MEAT	80.00-82.00		81.31	260	81.27	300
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.50	80		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	170.00-172.00		171.00	80	170.99	238
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	44.00		44.00	40	44.29	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	20	14.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.21	285	17.39	645
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	26.12	448	26.09	608
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	312	20.00	312
TAILS	20.00		20.00	40	19.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.50-64.00		63.17	120	63.88	480

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4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.